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A December 24 -- Confidential CIA source tipped me off that CIA Director William Casey collaborated closely with Lt. Col. Oliver North on Iran strategy. They kept no record of their secret discussions, source said. When Adm. John Poindexter tried to get rid of North, source added, Casey intervened to save him.

January 6 -- CIA strategist gave me private briefing. For three decades, Soviets have supported guerrilla campaigns-- "wars of liberations," they call them--in attempt to destabilize Western governments and transform them into Soviet satellites, he said. Soviets have trained and armed radicals, revolutionaries, anarchists or anyone else who would fight against established governments. Most dramatic success was overthrow of shah in oil-rich Iran; Soviets aided, abetted and financed Ayatollah Khomeini, strategist said. But these "wars of liberation" campaigns are now beginning to backfire on Soviets. Khomeini has launched his own "Islamic revolutionary movement." Soviets are worried it will spread into Russia's large Moslem minority. In Afghanistan, Moslems, Chinese and Americans are supporting guerrilla movement, which is inflicting punishment on Soviet invaders. In Angola and Mozambique, South Africa backs guerrillas who have paralyzed pro-Soviet governments. Mozambique could collapse at any time, source said. And in Nicaragua, contras are giving Marxist government a taste of own medicine.